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U.S. Pat. No. 3,403,652; Hardy; a hovership.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,855,180; Masters; a tilting dry dock.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,050,523; Schwemin et al.; pivoted vehicle launch.

U.S. Pat. No. 2,398,274; Albert; launching device.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,302,049; Weiler; multi-use vessel for receiving float-on modules.

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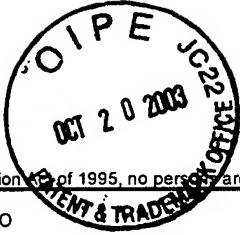
U.S. Pat. No. 5,222,454; Meyer; hydrofoil interface with wet deck.

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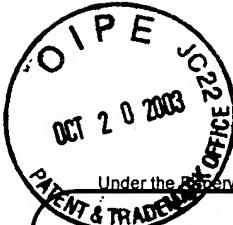
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